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SUBJ: SOMALI VISA FOR NICHOLS

REF: USIA 17524

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY AUGUST 15 NOTE VERBALE FROM FONMIN DATED AUGUST 14 ADVISING US THAT ENTRY VISA FOR NICHOLS IS NOT RPT NOT APPROVED. NOTE WAS IN RESPONSE TO OUR OWN NOTE SENT AUGUST 1 REQUESTING FAVORABLE DECISION ON VISA REQUEST AND ENUMERATING PROJECTS NICHOLS INTENDED COVER DURING HIS STAY IN SOMALIA.

2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT NICHOLS VISA APPLICATION LAGOS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. EVEN IF SOMALI EMBASSY LAGOS APPROVED VISA ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE FONMIN REFUSAL HERE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PRECEDENCE AND CREATE DIFFICULTIES OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS UPON NICHOLS ARRIVAL WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID.

3. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT NICHOLS TRIP BE POSTPONED.

4. WE PLAN TO RAISE THIS REFUSAL WITH GSDR AUTHORITIES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF IBS COULD FORWARD RESUME OF VOA REPORTS ON SOMALI EVENTS DURING RECENT TWO-MONTH PERIOD, EXCLUDING OAU
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REPORTING. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT VOA HAS GIVEN GENEROUS

COVERAGE TO SOMALI RURAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN AND OTHER DOMESTIC MATTERS, THAT IT HAS CONSISTENTLY ATTEMPTED TO INCLUDE IN ITS PROGRAMMING SOMALI EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AFRICAN LISTENERS AND TO THE GSDR'S ULTIMATE ADVANTAGE AS WELL. SUCH A RESUME WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO US IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH THE SOMALI GOVT.

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